SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a), (b) and (d) No such news item appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi edition dated 14th March, 1989. However, as per the information obtained from the Delhi Administration 122 mobile catering vans are operating in Delhi. Out of these, 105 are licensed, 11 are unlicensed & 6 are plying on strength of stay orders granted by the courts. Samples were lifted by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, during the year 1988 from such vans, one of which was found adulterated. Prosecution has been launched against the vendor. The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration propose to take random samples of food items sold by mobile catering vans.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Involvement of Health and Public Interest groups in Immunisation Programmes

708. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that immunisation programme, specially on Polio continues to be degged by a cold war between various Experts and bureaucrats as reported in the Times of India dated the 25th March, 1989;

(b) whether immunisation programme is the sole responsibility of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with imputs from the Departments like that of Bio-Technology, Technology Mission etc. if so, the reasons for lack of clear policies and programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is absence of monitoring, surveillance, evaluation and overseeing of various immunisation programmes leading to failure;

(d) in what manner Government propose to achieve Health for All by 2000 A.D. in the absence of successful operation of Key immunisation programmes; and

(e) whether Government would involve health and public interest groups in the monitoring, surveillance, evaluation and overseeing of immunisation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) So far implementation of the Universal Immunisation Programme which has been declared National Mission of Immunisation is the sole responsibililty of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Department of Bio-Technology is only involved in the production of vaccines.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) So far as Universal Immunisation Programme is concerned, the whole of the country will be covered by 1990.

(e) Yes, Sir.

MOU by ASSOCHAM for CSIR-Industry Collaboration

709. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM and CSIR have finalised a Memorandum of Understanding, providing the mechanism for CSIR-industry co-ordination on quality assurance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent CSIR has agreed to collaborate with the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND

SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MOU details the modalities of collaboration between CSIR and industry for quality assurance of products manufactured by industry, financial arrangements, responsibilities of collaborating parties and other terms and conditions governing the collaboration.

(c) Under the MOU, CSIR would collaborate with industries for total quality assurance of products in the areas of (i) Test and Measuring instruments and (ii) electrical appliances. The collaborative work would include testing and evaluation of existing products, identification of causes for non-conformance to specifications, modification in design, choice of material, components and sub-systems, optimisation of process control parameters and production techniques etc.

Provision for small scale sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan

710. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has decided to include major provisions in its 8th Five Year Plan for effecting a rapid growth in the small scale sector;

(b) if so, what are the main points in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the small scale sector will be provided assistance during the 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated.

Poverty ratio during seventh Five Year Plan

711. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the decline of poverty ratio during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, to what extent the poverty ratio has declined during the said plan period; and

(c) what was the target set and to what extent it has been less than the target set?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The assessment of decline in the poverty ratio over the Seventh Plan and its comparison with the target will be possible only when the survey results on household consumption expenditure will become available for a few years including the terminal year (1989-90) of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Study on living organisms

712. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian researchers are studying how living organisms cope with adverse environment;

(b) if so, to what extent the study has been completed; and

(c) what is the outcome of the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Indian researchers are continuing research in the broad area